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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3624

Application No.: 10/716,246

Examiner: L. Hamilton

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For: DISPOSABLE EYE PATCH AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A
DISPOSABLE EYE PATCH

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Interview Summary from the Examiner-initiated telephone conference held June 7, 2007 states that U.S. Patent No. 5,309,925 to Policastro "teaches an eye shield; however, the eye shield does not fit entirely within the eye socket and does not teach a part of the eye patch that contacts most of the eyelid being free of exposed adhesive."

With respect to the first part of this statement, Applicants wish to clarify that, unless otherwise specified (e.g., in dependent claim 46, which recites "entirely inside the eye socket in both the lateral dimension of the eye socket and the vertical dimension of the eye socket"), the claims are not limited to structures that fit entirely inside the eye socket in all directions. With respect to the second part of this statement, Applicants note that Fig. 10 of Policastro shows an eye shield 19 "with pads 20 for contacting the eyes" (column 14, lines 35-36). It does not appear that the pads 20 have exposed adhesive.

Nevertheless, Applicants believe that the claims are patentable on the basis of the limitations that are present in the claims. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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